

New Staff Resource Centre Manager loves GBC's energy for change

Bob Cox, George Brown's new Manager of the Staff Resource Centre, was told by vocational testers at an early age that teaching was definitely not a career for him. One quick look at his résumé, and it's obvious those experts were wrong.

Cox joins George Brown with more than 20 years as a faculty member at Centennial College teaching in the Child and Youth Worker program (as well as two years of teaching English) – and an additional five years at Centennial's Centre for Instructional Development.



After graduating from the University of Toronto with a Masters of Education from OISE, he spent several years at Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital in Toronto working with troubled adolescents. He eventually became Director of the Treatment Centre with the Children's Aid Society. Following that, he joined Centennial, where he stayed – until this new opportunity at George Brown came along. "It wasn't that I was dissatisfied with what I was doing. In fact I loved it," he says. "I just realized what George Brown had to offer. There seems to be a real energy here

to do things differently and support innovations – a real energy for change. This seemed like a great place to be."

In addition to his current role, Cox is involved in a CIDA (Canadian Industrial Development Association) project on the restructuring of the postsecondary educational system in Brazil. He is also Vice-President of the National Council for Staff Organizational Development and Chair of the College Committee on Human Resource Development.

As Manager of the Staff Resource Centre, Cox is responsible for providing training and professional development activities to faculty and staff. Among other projects, he plans several professional development events for support staff during the week of June 3. "We're also planning orientation for all new staff together instead of separating them into support, administration and faculty." Other initiatives include working with the support staff union to set up a committee to assess PD needs.

"What I love about things here is that it's a much more collaborative, consultative approach to professional development, which is the way I like to do things," he says. "I believe that rather than us telling people what they need to do, people should be telling us. After all, what we do is a service."

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Ministers of Education dine at Siegfried's



George Brown recently hosted a dinner for The Council of Ministers of Education for Canada. The Ministers and senior Ministry staff were in Toronto for a conference, and managed to take time out of their busy schedules to enjoy a meal at Siegfried's prepared by Chef John Higgins, assisted by GBC students from the Hotel Management and Chef classes. President Frank Sorochinsky opened the evening with a presentation on George Brown College. Shown in photo are The Honourable Dianne Cunningham, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Ontario with The Honourable Jake Ootes, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Northwest Territories.

Baking Association donates \$18,000 to Baking and Pastry Arts program



On April 11, representatives from the Ontario Chapter of the Baking Association presented to George Brown Chef's School a cheque for \$18,000. This generous donation will be used to provide new equipment for the Baking and Pastry Arts program. Shown at the official presentation are (l to r): Kate Nugent, Awards and Education, Baking Association of Canada, Ontario Chapter & National; David Miles, President, Baking Association of Canada, Ontario Chapter; John Walker, Dean, Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism; and Peter Scholtes, Awards and Education, Baking Association of Canada, Ontario Chapter.



Jewellery Arts student Robin Gray joined her classmates at a special Jewellery Students Grad Show held at Bounty Contemporary Canadian Craft, Harbourfront Centre. She is opening a store at 615 College Street with other grads on May 5 called Organic Metals.

George Brown star

It's been a busy month for the faculties at George Brown College as they have venues ranged from lunch and dinner events at Siegfried's to gallery showings highlights of the various awards presentations.



Human Resources program Coordinator Suzanne Kavanagh (left) presented Daniel Vasquez, Christine Rombough, Amy Cooper and Stacey Mauger with the Managing Change Award.



Fashion Technology and Design student Erlina Soegandi (left) is presented with the Subong Fashion Studio Award by Bendangla Subong.

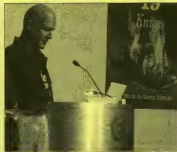


The graduating class of the Fashion Management program celebrated their accomplishments at a special lunch at Siegfried's.



The Graphic Design graduates ended up its year in grand style with the EMERGE Exhibition event at the Design Exchange. Students and design professionals at the Design Exchange enjoyed the student exhibit and complimentary martinis courtesy of corporate sponsor Absolut Vodka.

Graphic Design graduate **Bill Douglas** (right) presented his current professional work for the audience.



George Brown Theatre School student Ma City Encouragement Award, presented by St

Students honoured

their annual Awards events for graduating students. This year's at Harbourfront and the Design Exchange. The following are some



Faculty of Business and Creative Arts Dean Paul Carder (centre) presented Alicia Van Deen and Barthelmy Marshall with the Dean's Award at the School Business Awards ceremonies. This marks the 25th year for the awards, which were organized by the Sport and Event Marketing students.



Hospitality and Tourism management presented 60 graduating students in six of the Hospitality programs awards honouring their outstanding achievements for the year on April 2 and 3. Shown above with Faculty Dean John Walker, who served as emcee for the events, are award winners (l to r) Alison Schmidt and Tara Lee Rodier along with hostess Bitu Bagheri.



ine Donohue won this year's Second en Beauregard.



This year's MVPs for men's and women's basketball – Dion Horsford (with his number one fan, Dion II) and Anna Russell (seated) with friend Gina Filice – were among the 35 varsity and intramural athletes honoured at the 2001/2002 Athletic Awards Dinner.



upcoming events

Court Reporting: Machine Shorthand program open house *Wednesday, May 1 (4-8pm)*

Learn about this Distance Education program and explore career possibilities in TV captioning, court reporting, and rapid text entry. Casa Loma Campus, 160 Kendal Ave., 4th floor. For information, call Susan Sheehan at 416-415-2138 or e-mail ssheehan@gbrownc.on.ca.

Free Career Planning Workshop – sponsored by Marketing & Communications and Continuing Education

Monday, May 13 and June 10 (6:30 to 9:30pm)

St. James Campus, 200 King St. E., Room 128

Call 416-415-2000, ext. 3444 and press 1 to register.

Student Services Fair

Tuesday, May 14 (11am to 1pm)

Hospitality and Tourism

Call Scott Ribbins, 416-415-2239.

Marketing in the New Economy Information Sessions

May 14 and June 6 (6:00 to 7:30pm)

Faculty of Business & Creative Arts

St. James Campus, Room 344E

Discovery Days/Open House

May 16 and 30, June 12 and 28 (2:30 to 4:30 pm)

Hospitality and Tourism

Take a complete tour of the facilities, see demonstrations by chef/instructors, etc.

Call Scott Ribbins, 416-415-2239.



Baking and Pastry Arts students show true entrepreneurship

Graduating students from Baking and Pastry Arts had an opportunity to showcase their wares in a competition held at the School of Hospitality & Tourism. As part of their final assignment, they were required to develop their own concepts for companies, create menus, source ingredients, and present financial statements and marketing materials. George Brown Chef John Higgins, Murray Armstrong, President of Cake Top Inc., and Pamela Horan of the Business Development Bank of Canada served as judges for the occasion. Higgins is shown above presenting the Gold Medal to Meg Matsumoto.

news briefs

A sad farewell to a colleague and friend

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Bob Koledin, a long-time professor in Academic Bridging. Mr. Koledin passed away on April 13, leaving his wife Josee and daughters Tiffany and Natasha. In honour of his memory, an "Uncle Bob Fund" has been established through the George Brown College Foundation. Our next edition of *City College News* will include a memorial to Bob and his life at the college.

Accounting student wins CGA Award

George Brown College Accounting student Julia Dickson recently received the Certified General Accountant's of Ontario's Award for Excellence. The award, which consists of a cash prize plus a credit for one year's tuition and course fees in the CGA program of professional studies is presented to the student at each college and university in Ontario with the highest average in CGA Ontario-approved accounting courses.

That's a wrap for the George Brown Theatre School

On April 20, the George Brown Theatre School played its final performance for the 2001-2002 school season. Judah Purcell and Nadene Schuster are shown below in a scene from *The Beaux' Stratagem* by George Farquhar, one of two plays presented in the spring repertory session. The other production was *Machinal* by Sophie Treadwell.

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